

I am the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) Chief Radio Officer for Buena Park, CA. If amateurs are expected to continue to serve in disasters, they need band allocations that they can depend on in emergencies. One benefit to all citizens is amateurs ability to communicate with equipment that they have purchased personally. Benefit two is quick response time of trained communicators that have preplanning in place. Benefit three is the calming effect on all citizens that radio amateurs can communicate under the worst of emergencies (earthquakes, civil uprisings, riots, volcanic eruptions, etc).

If the US government expects amateurs to furnish their equipment and training in emergencies, they must have dependable frequencies to use. Without adequate frequencies, amateur radio will slowly die! The internet does NOT work well in power failures, hurricanes, and earthquakes BUT ham radio does.

Smaller cities like Buena Park, CA count on the support of RACES in emergencies! RACES members train and maintain their equipment all year long!

Save amateur radio so amateur can serve the U.S.A. God Bless America.